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SUBJ: EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK ON MUSICENTRE (DUBAI, UAE)

REFS: A) STATE 48289, B) STATE 134390, C) REFERENCE MANUAL
ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE, PART 413

1. RE REFTELS PARAS ARE RESULTS OF POST EXPORT TRANSACTION
CHECK ON CASE A 291338 ON MUSICENTRE, DUBAI, UAE.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED PER REF C, PART 413.5:

A) POST HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY IMPORT LICENCES, CERTIFI-
CATES, OR EXCHANGE PERMITS GIVEN MUSICENTRE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
AS THERE ARE FEW IMPORT CONTROLS, BELIEVE NO LICENCE WOULD BE
NEEDED AND DOUBT ONE WOULD BE ISSUED. DIRECTE OF CUSTOMS
INCREDULOUS AT SUGGESTION THAT TELEVISION RECORDING TAPE WOULD
NEED A LICENCE.

B) MANAGING PARTNER STATES HE HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH
MEMOREX CORP AGREEING NOT TO RE-EXPORT TAPES. LOCAL FINANCIAL
SOURCES INDICATE, AND MUSICENTRE MANAGER SEPARATELY CONFIRMED,
THAT THE FIRM OCCASIONALLY EXPORTS TO BAHRAIN. MANAGING
PARTNER AFFIRMS HE WILL NOT EXPORT THE MEMOREX TAPES TO BAHRAIN
OR ANYWHERE ELSE. (POST BELIEVES THESE ASSURANCES.)

C) UNLIKELY.

D) CONSIGNEE IS MUSICENTRE, P O BOX 1584, DUBAI, UAE (TELEPHONE
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222458/431678, TELEX 6584 MUSIC DB). FIRM IS CONTROLLED BY
FOUR DUBAI NATIONALS BORN IN PAKISTAN: MOHAMMED REHA ABBAS,
RIADH ABBAS, ABDULLA RABI, AND MAHMOOD RABI. LAST ALSO CARRIES
UK PASSPORT. FIRM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967 AND EMPLOYS 15 PERSONS.
MUSICENTRE OPERATES TWO SMALL SHOPS IN DUBAI WHICH SELL HIGH-FIDELITY
RECORD PLAYERS AND TAPE RECORDERS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
RECORDS AND TAPES. WHILE FINANCIAL SOURCES STATE THAT THEIR MEANS

ARE ONLY "FAIRLY GOOD", THE OWNERS OF MUSICENTRE ARE PARTNERS WITH GALADARI BROTHERS IN A CONTRACTING FIRMS. GALADARI BROTHERS ARE AMONG LARGEST MERCHANTS IN DUBAI AND ARE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY. THE PROPRIETORS ARE CONSIDERED "FAIRLY GOOB" BUSINESSMEN. OWNERS ARE GRANDSONS OF LATE MUSTAFA ABDUL LATIF, A PROMINENT DUBAI MERCHANT WHOSE FAMILY SERVED AS THE CHIEF LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF THE BRITISH POLITICAL RESIDENCY DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD.

3. POST SEES NO DIFFICULTY WITH ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENCE TO MEMOREX.
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